



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 379**

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House Bill No. 5507

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2018*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10 of special act 77-98, as amended by section 6 of  
2 public act 02-85 and section 3 of special act 13-20, is amended to read  
3 as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 [Whenever] Except in the event of an emergency, whenever a public  
5 hearing is required under sections 1 to 33, inclusive, of special act 77-  
6 98, as amended by sections 1 to 11, inclusive, of special act 78-24,  
7 sections 2 to 21, inclusive, of public act 02-85 and [this act] special act  
8 13-20, notice of such hearing shall be published by the representative  
9 policy board at least twenty days before the date set therefor, in a  
10 newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in each city and  
11 town comprising the district. In the event of an emergency, notice of  
12 such hearing shall be authorized by the chairman of the representative  
13 policy board and published in such newspaper or newspapers at least  
14 seven days before the date set therefor. If there is no such newspaper,

15 such notice shall be published in one or more electronic media,  
16 including, without limitation, the authority's Internet web site, as are  
17 likely to reach a broad segment of persons within the district. Such  
18 notice shall set forth the date, time and place of such hearing and shall  
19 include a description of the matters to be considered at such hearing. A  
20 copy of the notice shall be filed in the office of the clerk of each such  
21 city and town and shall be available for inspection by the public. At  
22 such hearings, all the users of the water supply system or the  
23 wastewater system, owners of property served or to be served and  
24 other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard  
25 concerning the matters under consideration. When appropriate, the  
26 chairman of the representative policy board may convene more than  
27 one hearing on any matter and direct such hearings to be held in  
28 suitable locations within the district so as to assure broader  
29 participation by the general public in discussion of the matters under  
30 consideration, provided in the case of the sale or transfer of real  
31 property pursuant to section 18 of special act 77-98, as amended by  
32 section 7 of special act 78-24, section 14 of public act 02-85 and section 5  
33 of [this act] special act 13-20, a public hearing shall be held in the city  
34 or town in which such real property is situated. Any decision of the  
35 representative policy board on matters considered at such public  
36 hearing shall be in writing and shall be published in a newspaper or  
37 newspapers having a general circulation in each city and town  
38 comprising the district within thirty days after such decision is made.  
39 For purposes of this section, "emergency" means a determination by  
40 the chief executive officer of the authority, the chairman of the  
41 authority and the chairman of the representative policy board, or their  
42 designees, that (1) delay in the award of a contract or the expenditure  
43 of capital funds may threaten the public's safety or place property at  
44 risk, (2) immediate action is necessary to respond to or recover from a  
45 natural disaster or invasion or other hostile action, or (3) immediate  
46 action is necessary to respond to an event threatening or  
47 compromising the integrity of the authority's information systems and  
48 associated infrastructure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 77-98, Sec. 10
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**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill allows the publication of public hearing notices under certain conditions. There is no fiscal impact as notices may be published online.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/26/2018)